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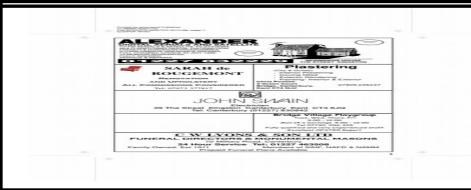
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Dedication Festival 2 October	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	10.00am Harvest Songs of Praise
Trinity 20 9 October	9.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Parish Eucharist	All welcome at the services of the Benefice	8.00am BCP Holy Communion (by extension)
Trinity 21 16 October	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion with the Bishop of Dover	9.30am Sung Eucharist
Bible Sunday 23 October	9.30am Sung Eucharist	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Community Worship	9.30am Matins	All welcome at the other services in the Benefice
All Saints Sunday 30 October	11.00am Service of The Word at Bridge Haven 6.00pm All Souls' Service at Bridge	8.00am All Saints' Day BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Service of The Word at Bridge Haven 6.00pm All Souls' Service at Bridge	11.00am Service of The Word at Bridge Haven 6.00pm All Souls' Service at Bridge	11.00am Service of The Word at Bridge Haven 6.00pm All Souls' Service at Bridge	11.00am Service of The Word at Bridge Haven 6.00pm All Souls' Service at Bridge

There is Holy Communion **every Tuesday at 9.30am** to 10.00am at Bridge Church, followed by coffee.



October Letter

Our Vicar Jonathan is off to Canada, to pastures new. Yes, to another part of God's vineyard. We do wish him God's blessings in his new parish. When a Vicar leaves the parish, we like to try to send a bus-load of parishioners to their new parish to wish them well. I tease Jonathan, 'Not this time, my friend!'.

As time goes by over the years, I'm sure you will agree that we tend to reminisce, and certain memories come rushing in. I think I tend to remember all the men and women who have inspired me. They haven't been famous, but they have had an impact on me, because of their inner strength, their love of Jesus and a sense of humour. This is often despite what life has thrown up at them; ordinary people who have got on with life, helping and loving others and who are now with our Lord.

On October 18th we celebrate St Luke's Day. Luke was a lovely man. When you read his gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, love and caring stand out. He attempted to raise the status of women and he recorded Jesus's parables, which make us think and act. No wonder he is the Patron Saint of Physician's and Surgeons. When St. Paul was in prison, he wrote these poignant words: 'Only Luke is with me'. What a great inspiration.

We all have our own thoughts as the nights draw in. On October 30th at 6pm we have an evensong at St Peters, Bridge, when we remember our loved ones, people who have helped us over the years. We will have an opportunity to write in a book the names of those loved ones - there will be a book of remembrance in each church, and we will have an opportunity to light a candle for them. Canon Reg will lead the service. Afterwards there will be light refreshments. We hope to see you there.

It is true that we should look back, but we must also look forward, strengthening and helping each other whenever and wherever we can. May God bless us as we go forward with a smile on our lips and a spring in our step. I end with this quote –'The future is always bigger than the past'.

Margaret.

Dates For Your Diary

October 2016

04/10	09.30	15.00 19.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Bridge Haven After 8's at Mansfield Court
10/10	19.30		Caring and Sharing
11/10	09.30	14.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
12/10	10.00	14.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
Lower Hardres		14.00	Social atternoon at John Baker White Hall,
19/10	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
18/10	09.30	15.00 19.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge After 8's at Mansfield Court
24/10	19.30		Caring and Sharing
25/10	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge

The parishes of the benefice currently have a clergy vacancy. If you have a pastoral church matter (including funeral requests) please call Mrs Margaret Clarke, Benefice Reader, on 07541 229239 or 01227 765598.

If you have an administrative church matter (including wedding and baptism requests) please email Mrs Lindsay McInally, The Bridge Benefice Administrator, lamcinally@googlemail.com

Thank you, The Churchwardens.

Announcing an exciting new church service in Bekesbourne

As you are probably aware, sadly our vicar Jonathan is leaving us this month. It is a very uncertain time for all rural churches and their communities. We want to find ways of continuing to come together and sing hymns and pray.

You are all invited, families, young and old, to a

Harvest Songs of Praise and coffee morning on Sunday 2nd October at 10.00 am in Bekesbourne church

A small group of us have put together a selection of popular hymns. There will be a reading and prayers. Jean Barber has kindly agreed to play the organ. So we are expecting some enthusiastic singing from you, our congregation.

Whether you are young or old, you will be sure of a warm welcome and complimentary refreshments. So please come and join us and support us in this new venture.

We would appreciate it if you could bring any harvest gifts to the service. They will be distributed to the Women's Refuge in Canterbury, so tea, coffee, tinned or dry foods would be welcome.

Many thanks

Nicky Fry on behalf of Bekesbourne PCC

Lower Hardres News

Jonathans farewell.

A great big thank-you to all who helped in any way; Those who helped in the Church, to prepare and welcome people in, those who prepared the hall, and to all who provided the lunch. It was a lovely occasion, and Jonathan was delighted with the service, lunch and his present.

Harvest Lunch.

May I take this opportunity to thank those who worked so hard to give us another wonderful Harvest Lunch. Serving hot food is always a challenge for so many people, and we rose to the challenge brilliantly.

A Few Dates for your Diary:

Friday October 7th – a surprise evening! More details to follow. Saturday, 26th November – Christmas Fayre Saturday, 3rd December – Benefice Children's workshop Sunday 11th December at 4pm – Carol Service Sunday 18th December at 3pm – Crib Service Christmas Day – 9.30am – Christmas Family Service

Bridge Flower Arrangers

A special flower arrangers meeting will be held on Friday November 4th at 2pm at the Archways. Not only will we discuss Christmas decorations for St Peter's Bridger and next years rota, but also the possibility of a flower festival for next year.

Anyone will artistic interests, craft or flower skills would be welcomed, as it takes a lot of different talents to produce a flower festival. If you are not sure, just pop-in for a cuppa and cake, to find out more, or phone Viv on 830981.

Fish Scheme News. Tel no: 07935 966 080

The October Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday Oct 12th from 10 to 11.15 in Bridge village hall. Everyone is very welcome.

Thanks to Rosy and her helpers and supporters for the successful Macmillan coffee sale in September. A very useful £200 was raised for this worthwhile charity.

And thanks always to our kindly drivers who cheerfully respond to all requests.

Poppy Appeal 2016

This year's Poppy Appeal starts on the 27th October.

We need new door-to- door collectors for Bridge High Street, Union Road and part of Bridge Down.

Around 20 door-to- door poppy collectors are needed in the Bridge Collecting Area (SDB02)which includes Bekesbourne and Patrixbourne.

Collecting only takes a few hours of one's time and is a great way to get to know fellow villagers.

People are always very receptive to giving to the Poppy Appeal and this is shown by the increase of donations in SDB02 year on year.

We also need some people to volunteer to collect on the street.

Don't be shy and please come forward so we can make this year the most successful yet! Contact John Shirley on 07808734842 or email him on john.shirley@johnshirleyltd.co.uk.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We have had a fairly quiet time during the summer and we hope our members are now back from their holidays and ready to think about the Poppy Appeal. We are as usual looking for people to help with this especially with house to house collecting. Anyone who feels they can help please contact the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next two monthly branch meetings will be on Tuesdays, 11th October and 8th November (AGM) both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

New Archdeacon of Canterbury appointed

The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover, has announced the appointment of the Very Revd Jo Kelly-Moore to serve as the next Archdeacon of Canterbury.

Jo has been Dean of Auckland, New Zealand since August 2010 during which time she led a \$14.9m project to complete and consecrate Holy Trinity Cathedral, as well as sustaining her involvement in the civic life of Auckland. She moved into that role from being vicar at St Aidan's Anglican Church, Remuera, a role that also involved serving as chaplain to Corran School for Girls. Before entering ordained ministry in 2000 Jo worked as a solicitor, both in New Zealand and in London. She met her British husband Paul when he was visiting New Zealand as a tourist. Paul currently works as Auckland Cathedral's Pastoral Care Minister and they have two sons, Adam and Nathan. The family will move to Canterbury Diocese at the end of this year so that Jo can begin her new role in January.

"It is a great privilege to be appointed Archdeacon of Canterbury, part of the wider story that is the mission and ministry of the Anglican Communion," said Jo. "Back in 1842 Bishop Selwyn arrived here in Aotearoa New Zealand from England and the next year bought the land for the Cathedral in which I have been Dean. While there is great sadness in leaving Aotearoa New Zealand, I am very much looking forward to ministering with the people of Canterbury and making it our family's home."

Bishop Trevor added: "I am delighted that Jo is coming to work with us here in Canterbury and I have no doubt that her experience and great talents will be of huge benefit, not just to the Canterbury Archdeaconry or cathedral, but to the whole Diocese. We have found in Jo an excellent and astute theologian with wide-ranging leadership and management skills. I would like to assure Jo and her family of the prayers and support of the whole Diocese as they embark on this new adventure."

"A completed Cathedral that is ready for consecration is due to the amazing leadership of Dean Jo," said the Rt Revd Ross Bay, Bishop of Auckland. "We now stand ready to prepare the building and ourselves for consecration in 2017. At all times Dean Jo has also been priest ready to offer care and compassion for people as well lead services for the city and the nation. She will be missed."

The Archdeacon of Canterbury is responsible for the Deaneries of Canterbury, Thanet, Reculver, East Bridge and West Bridge, supporting the clergy and communities in their care of God's people. The Archdeacon is also a Residentiary Canon with a key role in the life of Canterbury Cathedral. Together with the Archdeacons of Ashford and Maidstone, she holds a senior position assisting the Bishop in leading the Diocese.



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church steeple and blue clock peeping out of the trees relieved to say that thanks to the enormous effort of the ch, the steeple will be standing to welcome the next. To all Brides and Bridegrooms out there, worried about y - you will be relieved to know that the scaffolding will We plan to begin work in the Spring.

ch was formed a year ago with Stephen Woodley at the ess that we say goodbye to Stephen our chair for this first d Judy a fond farewell as they focus on their family, er Polo Farm. We look forward to his continued en he can.

So far thanks to some packed fundraising events including Canterbury Cathedral Choristers, the Good Gnu's, The Occasional Performing Society (TOP's), Simon Rowland's fascinating talk and many other events - with generous grants, donations and monthly subscriptions we have reached the staggering total of £39,000. Thank you to everyone who has turned up, contributed and worked so hard to make this happen. We are just under half way to reaching the amount that we need to keep St Peter's Church, Bridge standing.

In this second year of fund raising I hope we can smash the target of £90,000 to complete the work that is soon to get underway. We are planning new fundraising events that I hope you will attend. We want to appeal to all ages and people of the community so if you have ideas about how we can use the space please do let me know. The church is traditionally used for new beginnings: Christenings, Weddings, nativities and also endings: gatherings for bereavements and funerals. It would be lovely if our beautiful building could be used for the time in between too so let us know if you would like to use the space and how you may like to use it.

If you have used the church for a special occasion, nativity or school leaving assembly and want the church to be there for these events in the future - please join the many generous people who are donating monthly. Collect a form from the church, Lawrence Dunderdale or Evelyn Andrews. We value your contributions however large or small as they are all bringing us closer to our total.

Our next event is "The Fat River Band" 19th November, 2016 - local singer Alister Atkin fronts this fantastic band. Save the date and watch this space for more information.

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I would like to thank everyone, especially the Vicar, the Caring and Sharing Group, Mr and Mrs Hill and members of Bridge Church for the good wishes and gifts I received.

It made a most memorable day for me and I am overwhelmed by the friendship and kindness shown to me during my 30 years residence in Bridge. Dorothy King

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Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

Vicky Davis is our guest speaker for our meeting on **Tuesday 18 October** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall) and she will be giving a talk and an interesting insight into "**The Russians: Life in Russia Today**". We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

On **Tuesday 4 October** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall we have invited **Mike Bundock** to give an illustrated talk on "**Floral Clocks Over the Years**". Everyone is welcome and do remember to bring along a friend for free!

On the evening, we will also have bulbs available to members for the Chairman's Challenge in next year's Spring Show. If you cannot make it on the 4th but would like some bulbs, then please get in touch with the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder, on 830057 (email: kath@askwalder.com) or any other Committee member.

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

For the final talk of this year's programme, **Mark Hall** BEM,FNVS, Assistant Secretary of the NVS and an excellent all round kitchen gardener, is giving an illustrated talk on "Millennium 5 Vegetable Class" on **Wednesday 12th October** in Bridge Village Hall (7.30 for 8.00 pm start). Intrigued to find out more? Then come along to the talk on the 12 October. All are welcome.



The Quiet View

THE SARUM CYCLE IN IMAGE AND SONG – Revd Matthew Rushton, Precentor at Canterbury Cathedral, will present the striking paintings of Nicholas Mynheer based on the passion of Jesus Christ, accompanied by a variety of music styles - **Tuesday 8**th **November at 7pm.** If you didn't catch this moving presentation in the cathedral earlier in the year, do come. The effect is quite stunning. Please book and donations are invited.

SIMPLE WAYS TO HAPPINESS – an afternoon of teachings and relaxation with a Buddhist nun -Emma Slade – Ani Pema Deki - on **Sunday 4h December 2pm – 5pm.** Emma is an inspiring and experienced speaker. She has taught yoga and meditation for fifteen years and became a Buddhist nun in the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan in 2012 where she welcomed the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in 2015. Her aim is to bridge East and West for the benefit of all. A donation of £20 is invited for her charity Opening Your Heart to Bhutan which helps disadvantaged children in rural areas of Bhutan. Please book. A delicious tea will be served.

Both events will take place in the yurt round the log burning stove.

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The fortunes of Bridge Post Office: a very brief history

August 23rd 2016 saw a momentous change in Bridge: the sub-post office changed location from 16, High Street to the village corner shop, Bridgeway Stores. But this was by no means the first time it has moved.

In 1838 it was to be found in the White Horse Inn, which was of course the 'posting' inn, where, half a stage from Canterbury to Dover, the mail-coach horses could be changed after the perils of the hills on either side of the village. No doubt the mails had arrived here ever since the institution of a postal service in the reign of Charles I, but this was now a time of change, and the service was being reformed, with the introduction of the penny post in 1840. The post master was the landlord of the White Horse, Richard Sherrard, but with the reform came a change of postmaster – in 1839, Frederick Colegate, carpenter and builder, (who later built Alexandra House for his retirement and whose substantial tombstone remains in Bridge churchyard) and by 1844 briefly by William Perry, grocer and provision dealer.

For the first time, times of collection and delivery are mentioned: letters arrived at 7.00am and 12.45 pm, and were dispatched at 10.30am and 8.05pm. Timings changed later.

By 1847 however Mr Sherrard had regained his position, which he retained until his death. The censuses for 1861 and 1871 list his widow Ann(e) as postmistress.

With the arrival of the railways and the demise of the stage coaches however, the link with the inn was finally broken, and Mr Perry (of Riverdale) resumed his position. 1898 saw the post office removed to the premises of John C Wilson, chemist, on the corner of Brewery Lane, opposite the Plough & Harrow, with the first mention of a wall letter box there in 1899.

Mr Wilson remained in post until 1904, when the business transferred to Frank Bedingfield, 'grocer and general dealer', (location unknown, Wilson continuing as chemist - that business continuing there on the corner into the 1960s), while in 1907 Mrs Edith Bowler took over from Mr Bedingfield, perhaps in the same premises. In 1911 Richard Castle 'stationer' became postmaster, probably moving to the most recently familiar building, where he now acquired his own (wall) letter box (in 'The Street' as opposed to 'Bridge Hill') which is first mentioned only in 1913. The current freestanding box is more recent. Mr Castle, now also 'deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Bridge registration district', remained sub-postmaster until well into the Second World War, but by 1949 he had been succeeded by George Henry Roberts, then in 1957 by ex-policeman Samuel Shirley, and, on his death, from 1965 to 1998 by his son, ex-builder and long-time KCC Councillor, Laurence Shirley, whom many in Bridge will still remember. He built an extension to accommodate a new pharmacy, opened in 1978, once more marrying the two businesses together. As the business expanded it took on assistants, most recently culminating primarily in the quartet of Debbie Tapley, Sally Scott, Angela Palmer-Paul and Shona Young.

Maurice Raraty

Sourced from census returns, local directories and information from Mrs Ann Shirley

Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC



Autumn Coffee Morning

Brídge Víllage Hall Saturday 12th November 10 am—12 noon

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Refreshments served. Come and do some early Christmas Shopping!

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This is an update on the classic Key Lime Pie, with a delicious twist of basil. Very simple to make, it's a firm favourite with my family, friends and also at the Stour Festival, where it is always one of the first to be finished. What my father would describe as "the accolade of the empty plate"! This serves about 8.

Lime and Basil Crunch Pie

8oz/230g Gingernuts or Hobnobs, crushed (use gluten free biscuits if wished) 4oz/110 g butter, melted Juice and zest of 4 limes 1 can condensed milk (full fat) ½ pint/300ml double cream Small handful of fresh basil leaves, chopped, but not too fine 1 lime for decoration

Grease a 9" springclip tin and put baking parchment in the base. Mix the crushed biscuits with the melted butter and spread into the tin, levelling out. Put in the fridge to allow the butter to harden.

Whisk the condensed milk, cream and lime zest and juice together for about 5 minutes or so until it has thickened. This is best done with a Kenwood/Kitchen Aid mixer, or at least a deep bowl so you don't redecorate the kitchen!

Lastly, add the basil leaves and stir in. Pour the mixture onto the biscuit base, level the top and chill for at least half an hour so that it sets. Cut the last lime into thin pieces and arrange over the top.

When you remove this from the tin, remember that it has paper underneath...

Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council Thursday 9 June 2016 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Full version on website <u>www.bridgevillage.co.uk</u> and BPC noticeboards. (BPC = Bridge Parish Council; CCC= Canterbury City Council)

Report from Canterbury City Councillor (Simon Cook)

A litter pick on the A2 has been completed, collecting some 10.5 tons of litter. The Mountfield housing project for 4,000 new houses in Southern Canterbury is likely to come before the City Council planning committee in the autumn of 2016.

Report from Kent County Councillor (KCC) Michael Northey.

Cllr Northey sympathised fully with the predicament of the White Horse following the recent flash flood and the closure of the business.. He would find out as soon as possible from Kent County Council what had happened and why.

Decisions taken in the course of the meeting:

Council agreed to consider further options regarding the security of the pavilion. It was suggested that shutters could be fitted as an alternative to expensive CCTV equipment. A quotation for shutters will be sought.

An update on the current state of the Mill Centre lease negotiations was provided by the Chair and the Clerk. Canterbury City Council have stated that they will have a lease for Bridge Parish Council to consider at its July meeting. The management committee of the Mill Centre now has charitable status enabling it to raise funds once the final lease has been agreed.

Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council Thursday 14 July 2016 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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Report from Canterbury City Councillor (Simon Cook)

He referred the need a full inspection of the drains in the village which have contributed to recent flooding events. The Local Planning Inspector (working on the Canterbury Local Plan) resumes his work in July continuing into September. Canterbury Policy and Resources committee has recommended investigation of a potential merger of all 5 East Kent District Councils.

Report from Kent County Councillor (KCC) Michael Northey.

Kevin Gore, Team Leader for Kent's planned drainage works responded (at the request of Cllr Northey) to questions posed by Councillors. June 2016 was the wettest June for the last 10 years and assuming drains were all functioning correctly, the village drainage system is designed to withstand a 1 in 10 year weather event. Councillors pointed out the drains do not work properly and therefore this figure is not relevant. As a flood hot spot, drains in the High St and Bridge Hill should be cleaned every 6 months rather than annually. Councillors offered to assist with the enforcement of no parking restrictions prior to draining clearing activity assuming Kent Highways give sufficient advance warning.

Information exchange:

Any villagers with any complaints about flooding or drainage should contact 03000 418181 or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways.

Cllr Davies raised concerns about parking in the Western Avenue area once the post office relocates to the Spar shop. Illegal parking manoeuvres by delivery lorries and cars should be reported to the policy and parking authorities at Canterbury City Council.

Footbridges on the Brewery Lane water meadow have been replaced.

Art in Bridge to run as usual in October 2016.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Dhillon for the Queens' celebration event on 12/06/2016.

Decisions taken in the course of the meeting:

Following an update from Cllr Fawke on issues identified by residents, it was agreed to proceed with an application for tree works in both Green Court and Ford Close. A representative from Kent Wildlife Trust will be invited to offer advice on the Ford Close developments. A plan of all other proposed developments will be presented to the Parish Council in September so that options can be decided upon then.

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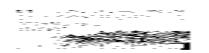


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